

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action to the pending office action mailed on July 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations set forth in objected to claim 11. Applicants have amended claim 48 to include the limitations set forth in objected to claim 49. Claims 11 and 49 are being cancelled.

Applicants have amended claim 41 to include the limitations set forth in objected to claim 22 to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance. To provide proper antecedent basis, Applicants have amended corresponding dependent claims 42 through 47.

Accordingly, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record if a discussion would be helpful towards furthering prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after reviewing this Response, that the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant(s) Representative at the number below.

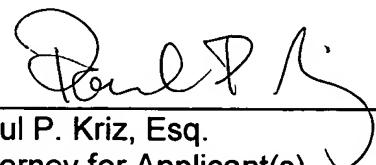
Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this

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response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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